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PRESENT—*cont.*

Srinivasan, Rao Sahib R.
Statham, Mr. R. M.
Subrahmanya Mocpanar, Mr. S.
Subrahmanya Pillai, Mr. Chavadi K.
Swami, Mr. K. V. R.
Syed Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur, Nattam Dubash Kadir Sahib.
Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Syed.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Tulasiram, Mr. L. K.
Uppi Sahib Bahadur, K.
Vanavudaiya Goundar, Mr. S. V.
Venkatapathi Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venkatarama Sastri, C.I.E., Mr. T. R.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Wood, Mr. G. E.
Zamindar of Gollapalli.
Zamindar of Kallikota.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.
Zamindar of Seithur.

I

NEW MEMBER.

The following new Member was sworn in :—

Mr. R. M. Statham.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15.

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The President will call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplementary questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

(708 Q.—Please see page 256 infra.)

Irrigation (Water-rate)

Exclusion of certain lands from the Kistna Eastern Delta ayacut.

*709 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 506 answered on 24th March 1927—

(*a*) whether the report called for has come; when and from whom;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will place it on the table of this House; what are its contents;

(*c*) whether the Government intend to include all those lands in the ayacut; and

(*d*) whether the Government will credit the penal assessments collected on them till now under the inclusion fees due and collect only the balance?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A report on the subject was received from the Board of Revenue on 21st June 1927. It dealt only with the question of the continued prohibition against inclusion of certain lands in the wet ayacut. It will not be placed on the table.

(*c*) The prohibition against including the lands in the ayacut has been withdrawn.

(*d*) The Government have not yet received any information as to the levy of penal assessments. The suggestion in the question will now be considered.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*d*), may I ask whether the Government will get the information how much penal assessment has been collected on the lands of the non-co-operators hitherto ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—" We have stated in clause (*a*) that the suggestion that the penal assessment should be credited under the inclusion fee would be considered. Of course, we will have to ascertain the amount, in doing so."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" Now that the prohibition against inclusion is removed, may I know if the Government will issue a notification giving time for the ryots to pay the necessary inclusion fee and get the lands included in the ayacut ? The time originally fixed has already expired."

The hon. Mr. N. E. Marjoribanks :—" Certainly, we do not wish to preclude the matter on that ground."

Exclusion of Pedalanka lands from the Kistna Eastern delta ayacut.

*710 *Q.*—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have ordered the exclusion of Pedalanka lands, about 300 acres in extent, in Kaikalur taluk from the ayacut of Kistna Eastern delta and whether the owners of these lands protested against the exclusion ;

(*b*) whether the lands proposed to be given in exchange for Pedalanka lands are situated in Gudivada taluk and are inconveniently situated for the ryots for cultivation purposes owing to great distances from their homes ;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that after the raising of shutters of the Kistna anicut the Pedalanka lands have been getting water copiously for irrigation and there are no complaints from the ryots regarding supply of water ; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to reconsider its decision in view of the circumstances now prevailing and cancel the order of exclusion of Pedalanka lands from the ayacut ?

A.—(*a*) The localization of the irrigable ayacut of the Kistna Eastern delta involved the exclusion of about 3,654 acres of wet land from the ayacut. The reasons for the exclusion were the difficulties in supplying water to small isolated and remote patches of land, and the advantages, from the point of view of economy of water and facility of supply, of concentrating the